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SUBJECT: UNICEF POSITION IN VIET-NAM

1. UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LABOUISSE TOLD AMBASSADOR BENNETT HE HAS BEEN UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM DRV TO MAKE PERSONAL VISIT TO HANOI TO SIGN RELIEF AGREEMENTS INVOLVING BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM. LABOUISSE REMAINS, AS HE HAS BEEN ALL ALONG, ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROVIDING UNICEF AID TO ALL AREAS OF VIET-NAM REGARDLESS THEIR POLITICAL STRUCTURE, BUT SUSPECTS DRV AUTHORITIES OF WANTING TO MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL OF ANY APPEARANCE BY HIM IN HANOI AT THIS TIME. HE SAID HE HAD NO INTENTION OF GOING IN PERSON TO HANOI NOW OR IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. LABOUISSE EXPRESSED SOME IRRITATION OVER TACTICS OF SIR ROBERT JACKSON IN LUMPING ALL UN OPERATIONS IN VIET-NAM, BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH, TOGETHER IN RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS. LABOUISSE IS PROUD OF REPUTA-
TION FOR IMPARTIALITY WHICH HE BELIEVES UNICEF HAS ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT INDO CHINA - HE HAS WORKED VERY HARD TO ESTABLISH THIS REPUTATION-AND HE TOOK POSITION UNICEF HAS BETTER IMAGE THAN UN OVERALL. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN IN THAT REGARD THAT JACKSON'S PUBLIC TACTICS OF PRESENTING "UN PRESENCE" IN SAIGON AND ELSEWHERE AS UNIFIED STRUCTURE MIGHT WELL REDOWN TO DISADVANTAGE OF UNICEF AND
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